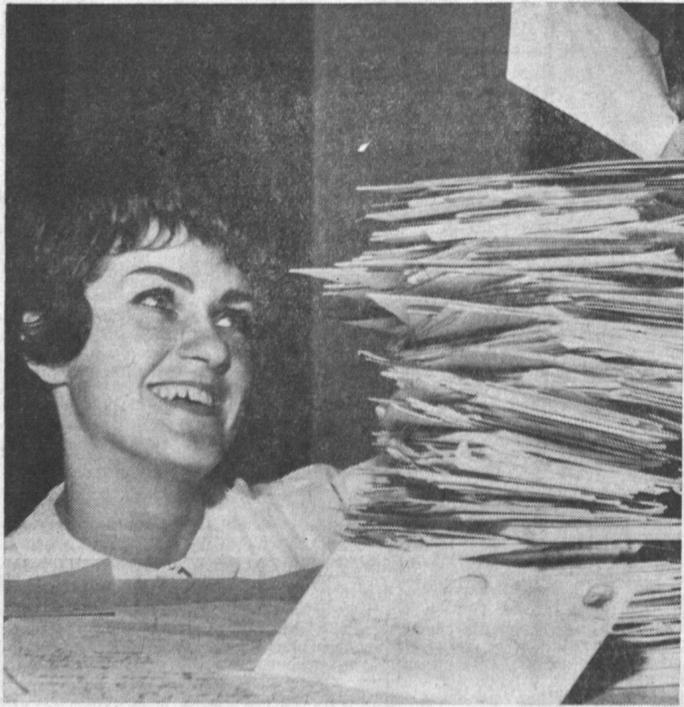


TORRANCE BATTLES FOR STATE COLLEGE

10 Days Until Showdown



LANDSLIDE OF LETTERS deluges switchboard operator Maria Bohannon as The Press readers continue to protest location of state college at Fox

Hills. More than 600 persons to date have felt strongly enough to urge action to bring college to Torrance. —PRESS photo by William Schell Jr.

CITY LOCKS HORNS WITH DAIRYMEN

Operators of nine Torrance dairies are not cowed by the city council — and the council is taking the bull by the horns. A special meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday will feature a public hearing on an ordinance to force the dairies out of the city. Such an ordinance was passed previously but failure to hold proper hearings apparently has invalidated it.

School Board To Air Budget

Torrance board of Education members — faced with pay increase requests from both teaching and non-teaching personnel — begin their budget study Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the board meeting room at district headquarters, 2335 Plaza del Amo.

The salary increases would add \$1.25 million to the district budget, it was estimated by Supt. J. H. Hull. The board has already been presented with a record \$15.5 million budget, which would use up most of the district reserve to meet operating costs for 1963-64.

If the salary increases were granted, the district would have to cut expenditures in other areas in the proposed budget.

Board members have already expressed the feeling another tax override may be necessary next year.

Dope Charges Jail 3 Torrance Men

Torrance detectives this week arrested three Torrance men on charges of growing marijuana in a vacant field behind the American Standard Co., 360 Crenshaw Blvd.

Lt. Don Cook, vice detail head, said the three had been under surveillance for some time. Cooke said the 1100 marijuana plants in the field had a potential value of \$100,000. The trio were arrested after a 12-hour stakeout Thursday.

Here's Text of Statement Issued by State Selectors

Chancellor Glenn S. Dumke of California State Colleges and Charles Luckman, chairman of the trustees' campus planning committee, jointly stated Friday that after more than two months' investigation that the college city plan for Fox Hills as a possible South Bay State College site, could not be satisfactorily accomplished.

They said the plan to build the college city complex there which would require that a number of college-oriented facilities be built on private land adjacent to the proposed 100-acre campus has proved to be financially impracticable despite the best efforts of the college system and the land owners.

"Home Savings and Loan Assn., owners of the property, made every possible concession to meet college needs including residence halls and parking facilities," Luckman said.

"However, it was impossible to achieve benefits for students comparable to

those received where such facilities are built on state land with substantial federal financing even through the most favorable private financing arrangement," Luckman added.

The college officials said they will ask the planning committee of the trustees to call a special meeting to hear their report on Wednesday, June 5, at 3:30 p.m. at Westchester Elementary School, 9221 Fleetwing Ave.

If the committee agrees with their conclusion, a self-executing resolution which the committee formerly passed would automatically go into effect.

The resolution listed Fox Hills as first choice, subject to working out the details of the college city complex plan and if that proved impossible then the committee designated a site on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. The Palos Verdes acreage located at Hawthorne Blvd. and Crest Rd. would provide for planning of a campus along traditional lines, Luckman said.

'Citizen of Year' Award by Torrance Chamber Nears

Deadline for submission of nominations for the Torrance Citizen of the Year award for 1962 is June 14, it has been announced by Robert Vroman, chairman of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Awards Committee.

Each year since 1953 the Torrance Chamber of Commerce has selected the citizen of the City of Torrance whose achievements have been significant to the general welfare of the people of Torrance. The program is sponsored in memory of the two deceased civic leaders, Dr. William I. Laughon and Grover C. Whyte.

Nominees will be judged on two primary points. What outstanding contribution has the person made to the citizens of Torrance in 1962, and what outstanding contribution has the individual made to the general welfare of the City of Torrance in 1962?

Any individual, organization or association, educational institution, industrial or labor group, profession or business may enter one or more nominees.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the offices of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, 2204 Torrance Blvd.

AN EDITORIAL

Logic Is With Us But State Board Isn't

The selection committee for the state college board of trustees apparently is composed of extremists.

In their apparent indifference to logic, the group headed by Charles Luckman of Beverly Hills and Dr. Glenn Dumke, state college chancellor, has consistently ignored the only sensible choice for a site for the new state college for the southwest area of the county.

Torrance is the geographical hub, the population hub and the economic hub of the southwest. It has as much population, for example, as Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach combined. It is growing at a faster rate than any community in the area.

Torrance soon will be the third largest city in the county. It has more school children by far than any other city around here.

CENTRAL SITE HERE

It has a site available for the college, centrally located, with ample room for expansion, that can be beautifully developed at less cost than expensive hilly land with its construction problems and slide dangers.

Torrance will welcome the college with open arms. Everyone in Torrance—and its immediate neighbors — wants the college here.

There is a large group of Palos Verdes residents who are not in harmony with the plan to put a college in their community because of potential traffic congestion.

Yet the selection committee — to get back to them—first waged an all-out struggle to locate the college at the northern perimeter of the area it would serve—the Fox Hills golf course.

When mounting public indignation forced the selectors to abandon that choice this week, they immediately swung to the other extreme—the inaccessible Palos Verdes site.

10 FATEFUL DAYS

For some inexplicable reason the most logical and most readily available campus site—right here in Torrance—is anathema to the committee.

There are many good reasons for putting the college in Torrance—and there isn't much time to do it.

The committee is due to make its choice June 5—and the choice appears to be earmarked.

The time for action is NOW. Bombard your assemblymen, your state senator, Gov. Brown, Lieut. Gov. Anderson, and the members of the state board of college trustees.

Send your protests and your demands to us. We'll forward them for you. AND wire or write to the state's top officials.

BUT don't wait. The education needs of our future are at stake.

And a fateful, 10 days holds the key to the decision.

9 Reasons For College In Torrance

There are at least nine good reasons why Torrance should be the home of the new state college.

1. The oil operations will not interfere with the placement and operation of the college on the Torrance site. An arrangement with the oil companies has guaranteed that both primary and potential secondary oil recovery will not interfere with any phase of the college.

2. It is less expensive to build the college in Torrance because the purchase price is far less here — much less than the cost of developing the Peninsula site, including grading and foundations.

Slide Prone!

3. The entire Palos Verdes site is slide prone. It would be doubtful wisdom to place a college there. Cost of grading and foundations would be more than double what it would be in Torrance. Nearly \$2.5 million would have to be spent on street widening to serve the PV site.

4. All necessary public works and utilities are available at the Torrance site to serve the college at moderate cost; the utility operating costs would be much higher in Palos Verdes.

5. The Torrance site is more centrally located and is more generally accessible than the Palos Verdes site. It would better serve the needs of the entire south coast region of the county.

6. The Torrance site would have a good physical environment for the college. Although not as beautiful as the Palos Verdes site, it would have an aesthetically pleasing environment. Lovely landscaping could be created here at moderate cost. Good weather conditions prevail—there is no smog and relatively little fog.

Wealth of Facilities

1. The Torrance site has a wealth of housing facilities, shopping facilities and employment opportunities. It is easily accessible to the cultural and recreational facilities of the Los Angeles-Long Beach area.

8. Socio-economic factors favor the Torrance site. The land is not necessary for industrial purposes. The City of Torrance, which has a large tax base, can withstand the loss of property taxes better than the city of Rolling Hills Estates. Whereas placement of the college in the Palos Verdes area would economically benefit few people, selection of the Torrance site would distribute the economic benefits widely throughout the area.

9. People who live in Torrance want the college. They will enthusiastically support it as part of our community.

Fox Hills Site Out — Trustees Switch to PV

By BOB LUPO

With the major opponent knocked out of the running, Torrance today still faced a stiff uphill battle against official indifference in its bid to win acceptance as the site for the South Bay State College.

Close on the heels of the rejection of the Fox Hills golf course as a site for the school came indications from the selection committee of the state board of college trustees that the choice was now to be the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

After it was charged last week by Assemblyman Charles Chapel that the trustees were "stalling" on site selection, the committee announced Friday that it had ruled out Fox Hills because of inability to work out financial arrangements with developer Howard Ahmanson.

Meeting Scheduled

As a result, the committee headed by Charles Luckman and Glenn S. Dumke, the latter chancellor of the state college system, scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, June 5, at 3:30 p.m. at the

Westchester Elementary School, at which time the committee of seven is expected to accept the Luckman-Dumke recommendation.

That recommendation unless opposed vigorously by local groups would put the college at Hawthorne Blvd. and Crest in Palos Verdes Peninsula.

The committee's June 5 action would then go to the full state college board of trustees for confirmation.

Torrance, meanwhile, first elated by the news that Fox Hills was out of contention, then stunned by the concurrent revelation that the PV site was virtually "in," rallied its forces and declared, in the words of Mayor Albert Isen, "We have just begun to fight."

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier urged everyone who has been circulating petitions to keep the college in this area to bring in the signed petitions immediately to Torrance city hall for forwarding to the state board selection committee.

A citizens' committee headed by the Rev. David (Continued on Page B3)

Torrance Picked as Core of Southern Area Phone Setup

Torrance is being groomed by Pacific Telephone for a future role as the calling information center of southern Los Angeles County.

Paving the way is the installation of 36 new switchboards to supplement the 36 put into operation last September at 2154 Torrance Blvd.

The job will be completed and boards put into service June 15, at which time the new boards will have to be ready for work.

According to Dick Pyle, local exchange manager, the

force of operators will be increased to 150, bringing a payroll of \$600,000 annually into the economy of Torrance.

Torrance the Hub

Devoted to "113" calls from Pacific subscribers in Torrance, Gardena, Wilmington, Lomita, San Pedro and Paramount, the original 36 boards handle about 25,700 requests daily. With an increase to 72, the number of calls will balloon immediately to 31,000.

Pyle explained the reasoning behind the selection of Torrance as the telephone information hub of the South Bay and Harbor areas. "We have to get at the root of growth in this thriving area," he began, "and that root, of course, is the city of Torrance."

"Years ago, Los Angeles was relatively small and cities like Torrance and Gardena were composed primarily of vacant land. Today, (Continued on Page B3)

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